

New York, Alien Clearing House of the U.S.

Of 805,228 Who Entered This Country Last Year, 560,971 Landed at This Port—Of 247,718 Who Departed 203,941 Left via New York.

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DAY after day accounts appear in the newspapers about the vast number of immigrants who arrive in this country from Europe or other sections of the earth. It is generally believed that they are at once poured into our great melting pot, there to remain, become more or less Americanized, and make for themselves a permanent home here.

Because little of anything is mentioned about the huge number who leave America to return to their homes in other lands few realize that out of every ten who come to these shores only seven remain.

To those who enter, the Statue of Liberty no doubt is a symbol of all it is supposed to have been erected to represent. That many of the newly arrived aliens dream that Miss Liberty is carrying a bag of gold as well as special privileges is probably not far from the fact, because most of them come here to get something they could not get where they come from.

But what about those who are going back to the land of their birth after having acquired in most cases sufficient money to meet their individual requirements? They came here seeking liberty and gold. Having acquired the gold, are they going back to purchase the liberty which they could not get or consider they could not get here in this country?

Of a total of 805,228 immigrant aliens admitted during the fiscal year 1921, the records show that 560,971 were admitted through the Port of New York, and of 247,718 emigrant aliens leaving the United States, 203,941 departed from this port.

The importance of the question of immigration and emigration to the City and State of New York may be realized by the knowledge that 262,643 immigrants declared their intention of making New York their permanent residence, the second largest number going to Pennsylvania, which got 82,084. Massachusetts got 64,058, Illinois 48,358, Ohio 48,923, New Jersey 48,777, and California 48,742.

Of those who departed 73,626 were residents of New York, 24,171 from Pennsylvania, 20,007 from Ohio, 17,652 from Illinois, 15,758 from Massachusetts, 12,372 from California and 12,369 from New Jersey.

Alien emigrants, equal in number to the entire population of the City of Troy, or over half as many as the total population of Bridgeport, left New York last year to take up their permanent residence outside of the United States.

Only two cities in the State of New York—Buffalo and Rochester—have a greater number of residents than the number who emigrated from this country last year.

True, it may be, that for every one who left the country, three or four came in with every intention of remaining here as permanent residents, but nevertheless we must agree that the loss of thousands and thousands of revenue producing men and women is worthy of considerable attention from every one in the city interested in its future growth and prosperity.

The men and women who went away last year were of no particular race or creed. Every nationality, creed and color shown on the list of alien immigrants was included in the list of alien emigrants. Did the present or former occupation of the aliens, who came in or went out, have

anything to do with their coming or going? Seemingly not.

Why is it that the nationals of seven or eight countries are going away in much greater numbers than aliens from these same countries are arriving here? Why are we now getting larger numbers from some countries than we admitted in the years of greatest inward flow before the World War? How are we to find employment for a quarter of a million new residents in lines of work which their previous training makes them best fitted to do? These and hundreds of other questions which are obviously connected with the whole problem cannot be disregarded because after all is said and done, adding several hundred thousand people to the population of even the biggest city

in the world, is bound to have considerable influence upon the lives of every man, woman and child in the city.

President Harding has approved the action of Congress continuing the so-called 3 per cent. restriction of foreign immigration for another two years. In this connection figures which have just been made public in the 1921 annual report of the Commissioner General of Immigration, showing the occupations of resident aliens who departed from New York to take up their permanent residence in other lands and incoming aliens from out side of the United States who on entering declared their intention of making New York their place of abode in the future, should be of considerable interest at this time.

In the compilation of these figures non-immigrants and non-emigrants are not considered. The United States authorities have ruled immigrant aliens are arriving aliens whose permanent domicile has been outside of the United States and who intend to reside permanently in this country. Departing aliens whose permanent residence has been in the United States and who intend to reside permanently abroad are classified as emigrant aliens. Those making temporary visits in either direction, as already stated, are not included in the conclusions or statistical tables used in this article.

Much has been written and said about the number and various nationalities of immigrants, but there has been little information published covering the former training and occupations of the people who are entering our ports with the declaration that they intend to become permanent residents of this country.

With this in mind, it would seem that actual figures and facts as to the occupations and previous means of obtaining a livelihood of our alien immigrants should be of special interest, especially at this time when every agency at our command is striving to obtain employment for those who are already here and when the problems growing out of the immigration restriction laws are becoming more serious every time a ship arrives from Europe with prospective candidates for American citizenship.

Comparison of immigration and emigration statistics show that in the professional classifications, including actors, architects, clergy, editors, electricians, engineers (professional), lawyers, literary and scientific persons, musicians, physicians, sculptors and artists, teachers and other professionals, 5,400 were admitted declaring intended residence in New York as compared to 1,551 departing former residents. Of these, 387 actors came in and 139 went out; 306 clergy entered,

185 left; professional engineers, 555 in and 114 out; musicians, 420 in and 109 out; teachers, 1,132 came here to live and 184 quit us for permanent residence in foreign lands.

In the skilled occupations those classifications with over one thousand coming to New York as permanent residents show: Bakers, 1,122; barbers and hairdressers, 1,575; carpenters and joiners, 2,264; clerks and accountants, 6,535; dressmakers, 4,556; mariners, 2,964; masons, 2,024; seamstresses, 2,587; shoemakers, 2,943; tailors, 5,797. No single classification with the exception of clerks and accountants, which had 1,132, exceeded 500 among those who left New York, the carpenters with 453 and tailors with 427 being second and third in the list of departing emigrants. The total immigrants in skilled class was 50,102, and New York emigrants was 5,652.

In the miscellaneous classifications 27,620 New York laborers departed and 49,123 laborers came in; 35,237 servants came in and 2,566 left. The next largest number was 7,573 farm laborers admitted, to 227 of this classification departing. Farmers showed 4,623 admitted, to 1,793 going away.

The total in the miscellaneous classifications was 117,853 immigrants to 45,799 emigrants. Those having no occupation, including women and children, numbered 37,225 arrivals to 18,624 departing, with a grand total

of 263,640 persons who came from foreign lands to live in New York, compared to 72,626 of our residents who left, with the declared intention of returning no more, indicating a net increase in population due to excess of immigration over emigration of 191,014.

There can be no doubt that the chief consideration which influenced our National Government to restrict immigration is the claim made by the exponents of restrictive legislation that the chief danger entailed by unrestricted immigration lies, not so much in the social and racial evils which are so often and vehemently enlarged upon by many speakers and writers, but in the industrial fields where the continuous arrival of large numbers of unskilled laborers as well as thousands of workmen in many lines of trade, who come from countries where living conditions are so much inferior to what they are here, not only lowers the average rate of

wages but tends to lower the standard of living among wage earners generally.

It is quite universally conceded that approximately 80 per cent of the aliens who come here remain as residents of one of the five boroughs of the City of New York. With this as a basis it is fair to estimate that considerably over 210,000 immigrant aliens became residents of the city last year. Deducting for those who emigrated on the same basis would indicate a clear gain of nearly 150,000 in population by reason of foreign immigration.

For awhile, at least after they arrive in this country, those who come here from most foreign countries are inclined to seek their own kind, and it is for this reason that there are localities in the city where Italian, Russian, Yiddish, Hungarian, Polish, Slovenian, Greek, Armenian, Turkish,

Chinese, Ukrainian and other languages are even more common than our own.

Many organizations have been formed within the past few years, especially since the war, seeking to Americanize the newly arrived aliens and to further the spread of a programme which will spell ONE FLAG, ONE COUNTRY and ONE LANGUAGE.

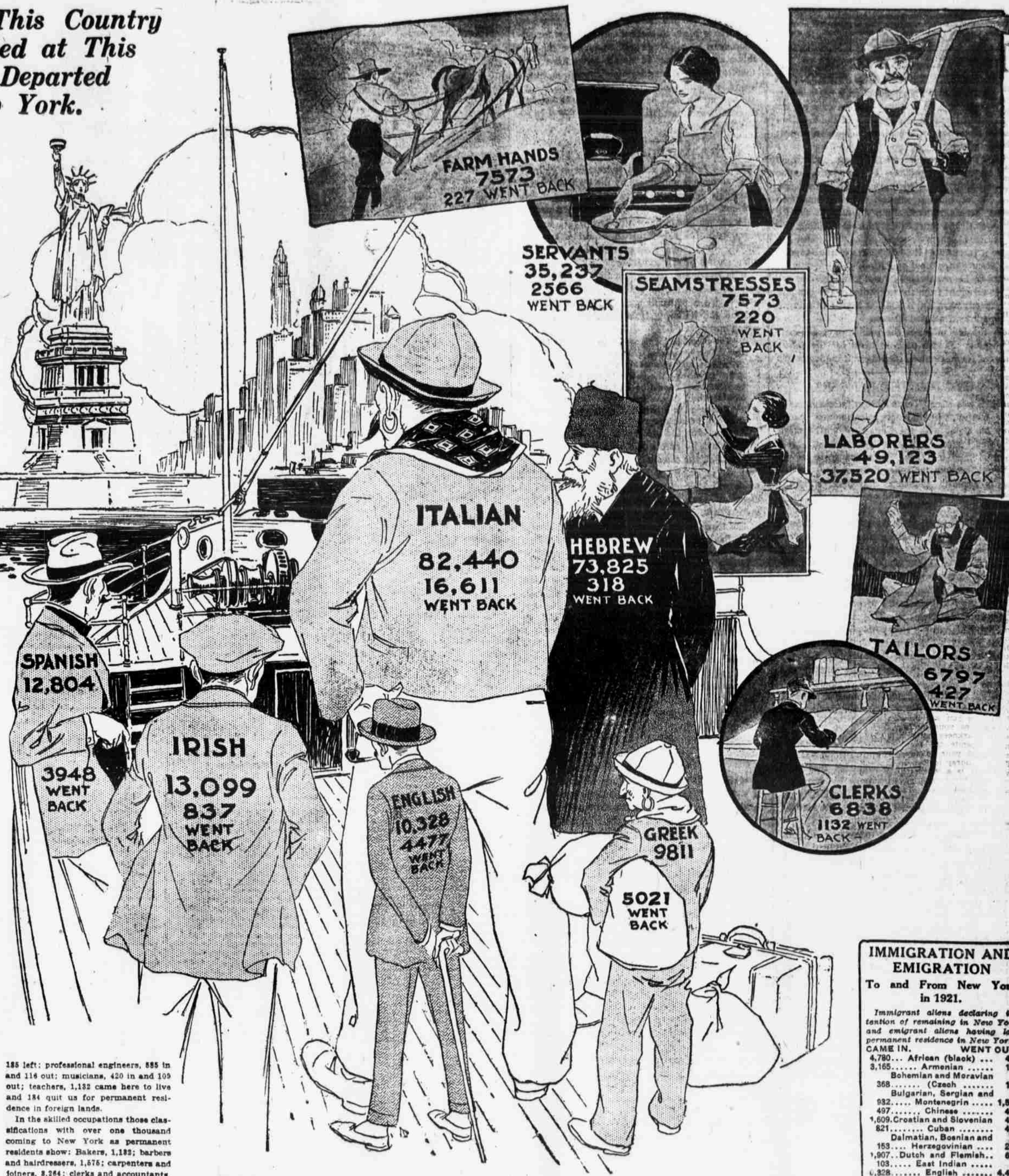
It would seem that having admitted these people to share these things which we as Americans have been privileged to enjoy, we should first help them to secure employment so that along with instructions in True Americanism they may become self-respecting and self-supporting citizens of our city and State.

A careful study of the former occupations of those who come here to live, as well as those who leave each year with the declaration that they

will hereafter take up their permanent residence in some other country, should be helpful to those who are so enthusiastically endeavoring to help the alien immigrants.

It will be some few months before the figures for the full year under operation of the 3 per cent. restriction legislation are available, and there is every reason to believe that there will be some startling changes in the make-up of the peoples who enter, so far as occupations are concerned.

New York City, more than any place else in the country, has to meet such changes as occur both in immigration and emigration, and the influence upon our housing and general economic conditions presents one of the most serious problems of the many with which this city is confronted every day in the year, practically all of which require immediate and intelligent solution.



IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION To and From New York in 1921.

Immigrant aliens declaring intention of remaining in New York and emigrant aliens having last permanent residence in New York: CAME IN. WENT OUT.	
4,780..... African (black)....	400
3,165..... Armenian.....	193
368..... Bohemian and Moravian.....	127
932..... Bulgarian, Serbian and Montenegrin.....	1,505
497..... Chinese.....	403
1,609..... Croatian and Slovenian.....	445
821..... Cuban.....	468
153..... Dalmatian, Bosnian and Herzegovinian.....	276
1,907..... Dutch and Flemish.....	698
103..... East Indian.....	8
6,328..... English.....	4,477
962..... Finnish.....	615
4,354..... French.....	1,859
5,804..... German.....	2,825
9,811..... Greek.....	5,021
73,825..... Hebrew.....	318
13,099..... Irish.....	837
82,440..... Italian.....	16,611
431..... Japanese.....	371
3..... Korean.....	1
170..... Lithuanian.....	652
2,065..... Magyar.....	552
573..... Mexican.....	618
2..... Pacific Islander.....	1
7,163..... Polish.....	11,880
1,587..... Portuguese.....	361
1,854..... Roumanian.....	361
852..... Russian.....	4,715
209..... Ruthenian (Rusniak).....	35
Scandinavian (Norwegian, Dane, Swede).....	2,571
4,149..... Scotch.....	371
5,482..... Slovak.....	3,199
12,804..... Spanish.....	3,944
1,678..... Spanish American.....	698
1,463..... Syrian.....	630
144..... Turkish.....	239
292..... Welsh.....	36
West Indian (except Cuba).....	1
956..... Cuba.....	408
612..... Other Peoples.....	418
263,640..... Total.....	72,626